

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1 (Amended). A multi use circuit module comprising:

a front half module, ~~wherein~~ the front half module ~~is~~ being
a functional circuit module having electrical contacts on a
front portion thereof ~~for electrically coupling the multi use~~
~~circuit module to a host device,~~ the front half module having a
channeling formed on the rear section thereof, the channeling
running from a side wall of the front half module along a length
of the front half module; and

a rear half module removably coupled to the front half
module ~~for increasing functionality of the multi use circuit~~
~~module,~~ a tab member formed on a front portion of the rear half
module;

at least one locking ball formed on a surface within the
channeling; and

at least one indentation formed on the tab member, the at
least one indentation being similar in size and shape to the at
least one locking ball and mating with the at least one locking
ball when the tab member is slid within the channeling to lock
the front half module to the rear half module.

2 (Original). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the rear half module is an electrically non-functional component, the rear half module being coupled to the front half module to standardize a size of the multi use circuit module.

3 (Cancelled).

4 (Cancelled).

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Cancelled).

7 (Cancelled).

8 (Cancelled).

9 (Cancelled).

10 (Cancelled).

11 (Amended). A multi use circuit module ~~in accordance with Claim 8~~ further comprising:

a front half module, the front half module being a functional circuit module having electrical contacts on a front portion thereof;

a rear half module removably coupled to the front half module;

a channeling formed on a rear section of the front half module, the channeling running along a length of the front half;

~~an edge connector~~ a contact running along a length of the channeling for allowing electrical coupling between the front half module and the rear half module;

a tab member formed on a front portion of the rear half module; and

a mating connector pin formed on the tab member, ~~wherein the tab member of the rear half module is positioned within the channeling,~~ the mating connector pin engaging the ~~edge connector~~ contact to electrically couple the front half module to the rear half module.

12 (Amended). A multi use circuit module ~~in accordance with Claim 8 further~~ comprising:

a front half module, the front half module being a functional circuit module having electrical contacts on a front portion thereof;

a rear half module removably coupled to the front half module;

a tab member formed on a rear portion of the front half module; and

a mating connector pin formed on the tab member;

a channeling formed on a front section of the rear half module, the channeling running along a length of the front half; and

~~an edge connector~~ a contact running along a length of the channeling ~~for allowing electrical coupling between the front half module and the rear half module, wherein the tab member of the front half module is positioned within the channeling, the mating connector pin engaging the edge connector contact to electrically couple the front half module to the rear half module.~~

13 (Cancelled).

14 (Cancelled).

15 (Cancelled).

16 (Cancelled).

17 (Cancelled).

18 (Cancelled).

19 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the at least one locking ball extends downward from a top surface of the channeling.

20 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 19 wherein the at least one indentation is formed on a top surface of the tab member.

21 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the at least one locking ball is semi-spherical in shape.

22 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the front half module is a memory card, the rear half module removably coupled to the front half module to standardize a size of the memory card.

23 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the front half module comprises a substrate having at least one die coupled thereto, the contact running along a length of the channeling formed in the substrate.

24 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the contact is coupled to the at least one die by conductive patterns formed in the substrate.

25 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the contact is an edge connector.

26 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the mating connector pin is a spring connector pin.

27 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the rear half module is an electrically functional I/O component, the rear half module being coupled to the front half module to increase functionality of the multi use circuit module by allowing additional I/O components to be coupled to the front half module.

28 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the front half module is a memory card.

29 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 12 wherein the front half module comprises a substrate having at least one die coupled thereto, the tab member formed in the substrate.

30 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 12 wherein the mating connector pin is a spring connector pin.

31 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 12 wherein the contact is an edge connector.

32 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 12 wherein the rear half module is an electrically functional I/O component, the rear half module being coupled to the front half module to increase functionality of the multi use circuit module by allowing additional I/O components to be coupled to the front half module.

33 (New). A multi use circuit module in accordance with Claim 12 wherein the front half module is a memory card.